

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION

Johnny Ray Howard,

Case No. 4:08 CV 886

Petitioner,

MEMORANDUM OPINION  
AND ORDER

-VS-

JUDGE JACK ZOUHARY

Warden Gunja,

Respondent.

On April 7, 2008, Petitioner *pro se* Johnny Ray Howard, Jr., an inmate at the Gilmer Federal Correctional Center, filed this habeas corpus action under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. Petitioner seeks an order reducing his federal sentence by two days for each day served at North East Correctional Center (NEOCC) on the ground that “the conditions at the NEOCC borderline on cruel and unusual punishment and this has caused him to serve a more onerous period of incarceration than that which was contemplated by the sentencing Court” (Petition p. 5).

Habeas corpus is not the appropriate vehicle for challenging the conditions of one’s confinement. *Abuhouran v. Morrison*, No. 02-3427, 49 Fed.App’x 349 (6th Cir. Sept. 18, 2002); *Okoro v. Scibana*, No. 99-1322, 1999 WL 1252871, at \*2 (6th Cir. Dec. 15, 1999). Further, the numerous cases cited by Petitioner in support of his request for sentence modification all concern downward departures made by the trial court at sentencing. As such, they are not applicable here.

Accordingly, the Petition is denied and this action is dismissed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2243. The Court certifies, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3), that an appeal from this decision could not be taken in good faith.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Jack Zouhary  
JACK ZOUHARY  
U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE

May 7, 2008